

SEC. 2. Such appropriations may be made to such institutions and at such times, and in such sums, as said city councils may, by a majority vote of all their members elected, direct.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 11, 1878.

CHAPTER 144.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FREE BRIDGE ACROSS THE MINNESOTA RIVER AT THE BOROUGH OF BELLE PLAINE, COUNTY OF SCOTT, STATE OF MINNESOTA, AND TO LAY OUT SUITABLE ROADS AND APPROACHES THERETO.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That Peter Henry, M. Gates, C. M. Hooper, Thomas Jordan and William H. Heibler, of Scott county, be, and they are hereby appointed and constituted commissioners, whose duty it shall be, in connection with a competent engineer, to select a suitable site and place of crossing the Minnesota river, at or near Grove street in the borough of Belle Plaine, in said county, for a suitable bridge, and to adopt plans and specifications for the construction of such bridge at the point to be selected, with estimates of the probable cost thereof.

SEC. 2. That said commissioners, or any majority of them, with such engineer, are hereby empowered to view, locate and establish, from some convenient point or public street within the limits of the said borough of Belle Plaine, a public road and highway to such site for said bridge and over the same, and thence to and into the county of Sibley, to a suitable connection with the public highway leading from the said borough of Belle Plaine to Washington Lake, in the said county of Sibley.

That said highway shall be at least eighty (80) feet in width; that said commissioners shall, in addition to the location of said highway, determine and appraise to the owner or owners, of any real estate included within said highway and appropriated therefor, the value thereof, and injury arising to them respectively from the condemnation thereof, which shall be awarded to such owners respectively, as damages, after making due allowance and deduction therefrom, for any benefits which such owners may respectively derive from such highway and improvements, which said assessment of compensation and damages, together with a plat of the survey and location of said road, shall be made and certified by said commissioners, and filed in the office of the regis-

ter of deeds of the said county of Scott, which shall be conclusive evidence of the establishment of said highway and of the condemnation of the property thereof; *Provided*, That any person aggrieved by the determination of the commissioners herein appointed, relative to damages to property, may appeal to the district court of the county wherein such property is situated, in the same manner and with like effect, as is provided by the general law.

SEC. 3. That said commissioners shall have power to receive and collect donations, subscriptions and other aid that may be given, subscribed or pledged in aid of the construction of said bridge, and shall have power to expend the same and such other aid as may be given by the town of Belle Plaine, in the said county of Scott.

SEC. 4. That said bridge shall, when constructed, be free of any toll or charge to the United States, or any citizen thereof, or other person; and, when constructed, shall be kept in good repair by the town of Belle Plaine.

SEC. 5. That said commissioners may meet at any time or times hereafter, as they may deem advisable, and in case of the death, refusal to serve, or disability of either of the commissioners, the remaining three (3) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 6. That said commissioners, upon the completion of said bridge and when the same is open for public travel, shall surrender the same to the supervisors of said town of Belle Plaine, and thereupon, the same shall be considered in charge of said supervisors for repairs and protection.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Governor.

Approved March 11, 1878.

CHAPTER 145.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF MANKATO TO CONSTRUCT WATER WORKS, AND TO CONTRACT THEREFOR.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. The common council of the city of Mankato shall have the power to construct water works, or to contract with any other person or company, for supplying water for the use of the city, and of the citizens thereof, and may establish rates for which such water shall be furnished to individuals, and may make all needful rules and regulations for the management and control of said water works. And for the purpose of furnishing a supply of water, the